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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 08/716,223
 Applicant : Gerrit A. Van Schouwenburg
 Filed : November 22, 1996
 Title : **METHOD FOR PREPARING A
 COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM
 SMALLER PIECES OF MEAT, AND THE
 COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT OBTAINED**
 Group Art Unit : 1761
 Examiner : Curtis Edward Sherrer

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Attention: Milton Cano
 Commissioner for Patents
 P. O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS REQUEST

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests that the United States Patent and Trademark Office provide a status report on the above-identified application. A summary of recent activity in the case follows:

October 30, 2001	Application forwarded to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) for decision on appeal.
February 12, 2003	Decision on Appeal with new grounds of rejection.
April 14, 2003	Amendment in response to new grounds of rejection.
April 22, 2003	Notice of Abandonment.
April 30, 2003	Facsimile copy of April 14, 2003 Amendment sent to Examiner.

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May 15, 2003

Communication refusing entry of
 April 14, 2003 Amendment.

May 23 – June 17, 2003

Multiple telephone conversations
 with Examiner and BPAI
 personnel (Eleanor Cook and
 Dale Shaw) by which the
 undersigned received verbal
 assurance that BPAI was acting
 on the case with no risk of
 abandonment. Copies of
 telephone notes evidencing such
 activity are attached.

December 12, 2003

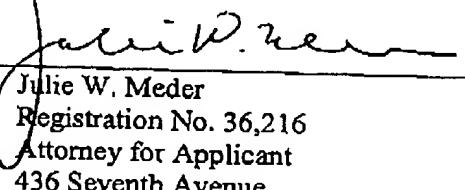
Notice of Abandonment.

Applicant's representative have diligently prosecuted this application and
 request an explanation of its status as well as withdrawal of the December 12, 2003 Notice of
 Abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,

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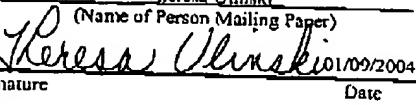
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Memorandum For The File Date: K/29/03

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Dale Shaw (BPAI)
703-308-9797

NOW WHAT?

12/30
TWO Shaw

I should call SPE
Milton Cano
571-272-1398

He can't remember why case is at the
Board in June -

- VM to SPE Cano to call me when he gets access to case.

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Memorandum For The File Date: 5/21/03

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Left a Voice Message With: Petitions Board

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Q: Status of appn; procedural
help?

5/23/03

Msg from Miss Cressy (apn:
703-305-8859)

5/27/03

Left VM for her.

5/28/03 She called back; left VM

6/1/03 Left another VM

6/2/03 Left VM for ex- Sherry

→ She called back; call Board

703/308-9797

308-9797 Eleanor Cook ← called

6/2 Sherry - case to Board. No idea what
to do.

6/3 Msg to Eleanor Cook

Will call me next week.

Case not abandoned per her info'.

4/16/03. TCW Board - Eleanor Cook on vacation
~~also on vacation~~ → talk to Craig Feinberg?
- Dale Shaw



- VM from Dale Shaw Left detailed msg.
He got my msg; getting the case & will
call back

4/17/03 TCW Dale Shaw

Board (judges) are acting on
the case. He says to wait.
No risk that will be abandoned.